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The Honorable Gary A. Winfield
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The Honorable Matt Blumenthal
The Honorable John A. Kissel
The Honorable Craig C. Fishbein
Joint Committee on Judiciary
Connecticut General Assembly
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Vice Chairs Kasser and Blumenthal, Ranking Members Kissel and Fishbein, and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, I am writing to express our support for **Proposed Bill No. 6321, An Act Concerning the Adoption and Implementation of the Connecticut Parentage Act (CPA)**. Connecticut is in urgent need of comprehensive parentage reform that recognizes, respects and protects all families, regardless of how they were built. Particularly concerning for our organization, Connecticut desperately needs updated statutes regarding assisted reproduction and surrogacy.

RESOLVE represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with the disease of infertility. One in eight individuals or couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility cuts across socioeconomic levels, and all racial, ethnic and religious lines. RESOLVE helps people with infertility pursue medical treatment, adoption, third party reproduction, and all other family building options.

The status quo is harming Connecticut children and families, and it is time for the state's law to provide clear and equal paths to establishing parentage. All children deserve the security that comes with a stable and legally protected parental relationship. Adopting best practice legislation will ensure Connecticut parentage law is constitutional and fair, and will provide equality, security, and stability for children and parents.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in support of the CPA.

Sincerely,

Barbara L Collura
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